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Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro says the U.S. should go further and lift what he calls the cruel trade embargo.

But on the same day the U.S. made its announcement, Cuba denied visas to members of the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom**.

The group had planned a trip to the country to evaluate the state of religious freedom in the island nation.